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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENTCommissioner for Patents
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Commissioner:

In response to the office action dated May 12, 2003, please consider the
following.

I. ELECTION OF A SINGLE DISCLOSED SPECIES

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Species 2, for prosecution on the merits. Examiner has indicated that independent claim 1 is considered generic.

II. LISTING OF CLAIMS READABLE UPON THE ELECTED SPECIES

It is respectfully submitted that independent claim 1 and dependent claims 2-5 and 8-19 which depend, either directly or indirectly, from independent claim 1 are readable upon elected Species 2. Furthermore, it is respectfully submitted that independent claim 28 and dependent claims 29-37 which depend, either directly or indirectly from independent claim 28 are readable upon elected Species 2. Therefore, please withdraw claims 6, 7, 20-27, and 38-46 from consideration.

III. CONCLUSION

This reply is believed to be fully responsive to the election requirement mailed on May 12, 2003. Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to further discuss the above-identified application, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned at (480) 385-5060.

If for some reason an extension is required to prevent abandonment of this application, please consider this as a request for an extension for the required time period and/or authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 50-2091 for any fee which may be due.

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